

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 27, 2006**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Lance Allison, Robert Billington, Doris Parham, Rita Henley, Dan Miller, Pete Lancaster, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Pat Scott, Jason Pittman, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** J. L. Barnett, Don Leet, Don Elias, Ken Claud, Philip Morris, Candace Dowdy, David Roberts, Carol Roberts, Thomas Clendenen, Michael Skinner, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held July 13, 2006, were presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Ms. Henley**, to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Recommendation** from Murray Planning Commission authorizing the city attorney to draft an ordinance annexing a 1.121 acre tract of land located on Bailey Road and a 0.253 acre tract of roadway, with said property being owned by Sam and Susan Underwood and Michael and Kathy Pierce. The 1.121 acre tract of land consists of lots 1 and 2 of Cambridge Subdivision of Unit I was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Ms. Parham** to approve said recommendation.

Mr. Seargent stated the he is not opposed to the annexation; however, after reading the Planning Commission minutes regarding our policy in how we handle annexing certain tracts of land on one side of the road. He stated that sometimes there is confusion over who maintains roads and other areas. He requested that the policy and procedures that are used be reviewed when we annex property.

David Roberts, Director of Planning and Engineering, stated that he believes that the policy does need to be reviewed. The current policy requires that anyone wanting services who is contiguous to the city has to be annexed.

Mr. Elias stated that we can look at other options about how we address annexing property; however, he did not want to see our growth stopped within our urban service area. He stated our long term efforts should be to address the antiquated state policy regarding annexation. If you deny the annexation request, you will never get it back.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Lance Allison, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Doris Parham, Rita Henley, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Robert Billington, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells:

**NAYS:** None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

**Recommendation** from Murray Planning Commission authorizing the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 156 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances as it pertains to a text amendment regarding monument style signage along Highway 121 Bypass North was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said recommendation.

Candace Dowdy, City Planner, stated that there is about 50% of the current signage that is monument style. The recommendation came from the sign committee who believes that due to the widening of 121 bypass to five or six lanes; it would be an appropriate corridor to require the monument style signage.

Ms. Dowdy stated that the state will acquire from 20 to 30 additional feet for the right of way when the road is widened. There are probably about 90% of the signs that will have to be moved because they are in the existing right of way. She stated that there are several businesses that already have monument style signs. She stated that the signs would be grandfathered in if it was not in the right of way.

Mr. Billington stated that he felt that the sign matter on 12<sup>th</sup> Street needed to be resolved before another corridor is addressed. He believes this is a misstep in the planning process right now.

Ms. Dowdy stated that a franchise always offers some type of monument style signage.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Lance Allison, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Doris Parham, Rita Henley, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells:

**NAYS:** Pat Scott and Robert Billington.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved by a vote of 10 to 2.

**Recommendation** from Murray Planning Commission authorizing the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 156 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances as it pertains to various text amendments was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Seargent moved, seconded by Mr. Massey** to approve said recommendation. The recommendation included the following amendments to the sign regulations:

- Maximum of 6.25 square feet for community event signage in a residential zoning district
- Addition of text which explains that nonconforming freestanding signs along the 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor are grandfathered in, according to existing text referencing nonconforming signs
- 30" maximum on column width and depth for monument sign structures, also specify "overall" height, instead of maximum height
- The use of balloons be allowed with a standard temporary sign permit, whether 14-day or 30-day, depending upon event
- Construction announcement signs not be permitted until a building permit application has been submitted
- Temporary subdivision announcement signs must be removed after completion of 80% of sales of lots
- Temporary signage for community events allowed to be 32 square feet, except in residential zoning districts

With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Lance Allison, Danny Hudspeth, Hugh Massey, Doris Parham, Rita Henley, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Robert Billington, Pete Lancaster, and Bill Wells:

**NAYS:** None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated the committee discussed two policies regarding leave sharing and trading time.

**Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee**, that the city attorney draft a municipal order amending the personnel policy to include the trading time policy and the leave sharing policy. **Mr. Allison seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

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Harla McClure, City Clerk